

# NSCDS Alumni Bulletin

THE NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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## Offer New Programs With Music Center

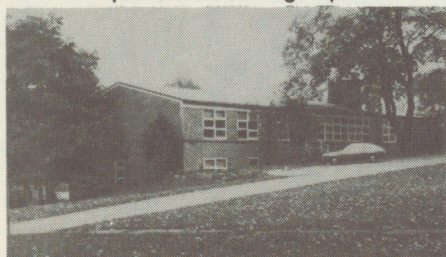
North Shore Country Day and the Music Center of the North Shore began this school year with several co-operative programs. Kalman Novak, Director of the Music Center, and Frank Wallace, Assistant Headmaster, began discussions for joint ventures last Spring, which resulted in two new programs.

Of prime interest to us is the new **Performing Arts High School Curriculum**. The four year program in music includes intensive training for musically talented and experienced students in performance, musicianship, knowledge of theory and ensemble-playing, usually associated with advanced students at the conservatory or college of music level.

The **North Shore Youth Orchestra**, under the direction of Stanley Ackerman, conductor of the New Trier East High School Orchestra and faculty member of the Music Center, was established this fall. Open to all area high school students, it meets Tuesday evenings and will present three concerts during the year.

Among other activities being produced is "The Dream Machine", a theatre series for young adults. Five productions are scheduled, four of which will be given in our auditorium. Throughout the year outstanding musicians and artists will visit the two campuses.

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Music Center of the North Shore



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Macdonald arrived in Winnetka last summer and have been enthusiastically getting acquainted with the school and the community.

The new headmaster is involved not only with administration but also with teaching and he is head of the Upper School English Department.

High on his list of priorities is getting to know the people here - the students, teachers, and parents, and he expects to become involved in the community. His wife, Sherry, is teaching in the Winnetka Public Nursery School.

A happy opportunity for the Macdonalds to meet the Alumni will be the annual Christmas party which will be held at the headmaster's house on January 4.

## Announce Goal For Fund Drive

Richard D. Golden, president of the Alumni Association, has announced that early returns in the 1973-74 Alumni Fund Drive have exceeded \$2,500, and he notes with pleasure the strong support from recent graduates.

The School has set a goal of \$125,000 of supportive funds to be

raised this year, with 10% asked from the Alumni. These funds will provide for 1) balancing the budget, 2) continuing and expanding quality education through faculty salaries, reinforcing and refurbishing the entire school's libraries, expansion of science facilities and 3) maintaining scholarships which make possible the cross-sectional student body.

For those who have not made a contribution the Association urges you to do so soon.



## from the Headmaster

One result of today's "education explosion" is that more of us know more about education, its techniques, triumphs, disasters and hopes. Libraries and bookstores overflow with books that will help us teach our 3 year-olds to read, our 18 year-olds to get into a "good" college, our dogs to behave, and our families generally to survive and prosper, or at least to cope.

All of this has resulted in a much better informed public, better-trained teachers and administrators, usually better schools and often more interesting, productive and provocative meetings about and discussions of the educational process. The trouble is, though, that whenever these discussions get really serious and communication matters most, too often educational debate degenerates into "slogan slinging."

Terms such as "structure," "open classroom," "education for excellence," "relevant education" and others, usually preclude any detailed discussion about what each of the terms means or what we're trying to say when we use them. Often as professional educators we lose sight of our deepest values and commitments in the welter of slogans, panaceas and passions.

So it's always fun to try to distill our educational solutions until we retain only their essences, the quintessential values which recreate us as professionals and parents. It seems possible to state these values in a series of "should-statements" that may carry us past the level of slogans to something more discussable.

First, going to school should be hard work. The jobs we set our children should require real effort, be a bit beyond their easy grasp.

Second, going to school should be risky. One of the hardest skills each of us has to learn as we grow up is persevering, despite or even because of our fear of failing, picking and doing the task that scares us most; coming through the difficult or frightening time because we tried our best, sometimes failing visibly and trying again anyway.

Third, going to school and learning generally should be engaging. The

learning environment should be sufficiently alive, compelling and real that each student gets caught up in what he's doing.

Fourth, going to school should result in visible, palpable growth. Student, parents and teachers should all be able to see and discuss the student's growth. It's vital that kids be given clear pictures of where they are.

Finally, education should be intimate, with all the closeness, caring and immediacy that word implies. Students must have an intimate and deeply felt relationship with their work; but most important, they must have an intimate and deeply felt relationship with the persons around them - peers, teachers and parents. Ultimately what most of us never hear about schooling and learning, and what most shaped our sense of self worth and sense of self respect, are brought about by

those few people who cared about, believed in, challenged, pushed and valued us.

For all of us engaged in schools, the challenge of these "shoulds" invigorates and renews us as we go about the daily job of helping kids make sense of their worlds.

Douglas C. Macdonald

### NEW PROGRAMS

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The Music Center was begun in 1931, when David Dushkin started a school of music in his own home, on the corner of Willow and Rosewood in Winnetka. It was incorporated in 1939 as the Winnetka School of Music and became the Music Center of the North Shore, when Country Day invited them to share our campus in 1956. Mr. Novak has been Director since 1969.

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Dear North Shore Country Day School Alumni:

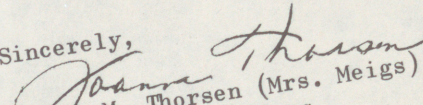
Over the past year the Admissions Office kept a number of statistics concerning its applicants and prospective candidates, and one recently completed survey indicated that nearly 20% of those who called to make inquiry had heard about North Shore through enthusiastic Alumni and former parents of the School.

A newly formed student group also played an active roll in admissions, guiding prospective applicants to classes, introducing them to teachers and classmates and visiting informally about the academic and social life of the North Shore student. Sixty-five percent of those who visited applied, and the students are rightly proud of this statistic. As in the past, parents offered this office strong support by recommending that their friends investigate North Shore, and 25% of our inquiries came from this source.

Although only one out of three applicants qualified for admission, we have the largest Upper School enrollment we have had in some years. The Lower and Middle Schools' population is down somewhat, and we attribute the cause to today's economic conditions and to the declining birthrate.

I am writing this letter in part to apprise you of the admissions picture but mostly to thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

  
Joanne M. Thorsen (Mrs. Meigs)  
Director of Admissions



## Alumni Party To Be January 4

Last December The North Shore Country Day School Alumni celebrated at a cocktail party in the Headmaster's house. A large group attended, spanning the years from the most recent graduating class to the class of 1931.

This coming January 4 we are planning another gala cocktail party hosted by Doug and Sherry MacDonald, in their home. This is the one occasion of the year when we Alumni can look forward to convening spontaneously.

How about all you '49ers making a special effort to come? It is our 25th reunion year! Let me hear from any or all of you, regardless of class, if you would be interested in helping the hosts welcome the guests.

Mary P. Hines  
(Mrs. Harold H., Jr.)  
Winnetka

## Auditorium Gets A Lift

The School auditorium has recently been redecorated through the efforts of the Woman's Board. Under the direction of Mrs. John J. Louis, Jr., Board President from 1970-72, a year of planning and executing has produced a handsome new look. New upholstered seats, a new stage curtain, draperies and carpeting, done in shades of blue, gold, and mustard, complete the auditorium's interior. Serving on the committee with Mrs. Louis were Mrs. John Leslie and Mrs. J. W. Faulkner.



Mrs. Louis

## Potpourri

Dr. Karla Landau, who taught German at North Shore for 33 years, is enjoying her 9th year of retirement. Reminiscing about her career she says, "I miss teaching very much. I loved it - there was never a dull moment."

Currently Dr. Landau's activities are somewhat confined because of limited vision. Because she has been an avid reader all her life, she misses extensive reading and has a reader come in twice a week. She does have a subscription to the New York Times, large print edition, which is a joy to her.



Dr. Landau

An ebullient, vivacious woman, Dr. Landau is in frequent communication with many of her former students and she enjoys this immensely. During the summer Lane Jennings, '62, and his wife, who live in Bethesda, Maryland, visited her, and she often hears from Colin Graham, '60, who is Associate Mathematics Professor at Northwestern. There is a long list of former students who are in touch with her often.

Dr. Landau and her foster sister share an apartment at 2223 Ridge Avenue in Evanston where they have lived since 1940. They have visited their native Vienna many times throughout the years - the last time was in the 1960's.

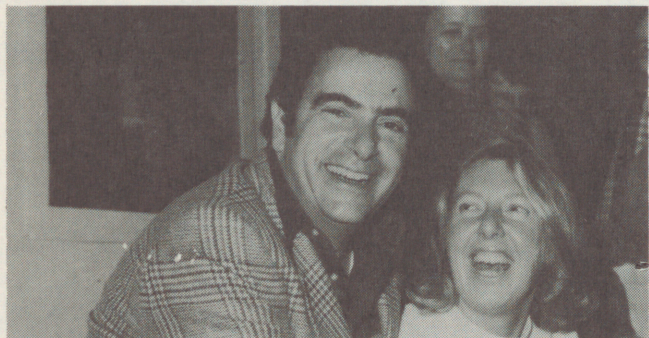
Two favorite pastimes of Dr. Landau are now cooking and seeing friends. She is always delighted to have news from past students and that must be a rich harvest from 33 years.

**R. Ogden Hannaford**, '35, has been named associate of the Danforth Foundation in Chicago. He is associate professor and acting chairman of Illinois Institute of Technology's Architecture Department and has worked with some of the nation's top architects, including the late Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. He has also served on the board of the Lincoln Park Conservation Association and the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. . . . **Sue Eastman**, '66, last summer became the first Chicago woman to win the National Public Park's women's singles tennis championship. The tournament was held in Pittsburgh. . . . **Phoebe Pettingell Hyman**, '64, has joined the faculty at NSCDS where she is teaching poetry. Phoebe, who lives in Glencoe, writes for the **New Leader** and **Poetry**, published her first book, **Iago**, in 1970, and is currently working on a new manuscript, **Ambiguities of Innocence**, a critique of 19th century British children's classics. . . . **Patrick Christopher**, '68, who graduated from the University of California at Berkeley summa cum laude in '72, worked for an architectural firm in Athens, Greece, during the summer of '72. He is currently enrolled at Columbia University working on a Master of Science in Historic Preservation. . . . **Steve Schulman**, '69, has a fellowship in forestry at Harvard University where he is working toward his master's degree, and his wife, **Anita Locke Schulman**, '69, is working in the laboratory at Harvard's department of forestry while taking classes at the University of Massachusetts. . . . **Jim Darrow**, '67, is in his second year at George Washington University Law School where he is on Law Review. His brother, **Peter Darrow**, '60, and his wife returned to Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. this fall after three years in London with his law firm. . . . **Jeanne Street Knorr**, '27, (Mrs. Thomas H.) who is now living in Deerfield Beach, Florida, writes that Miss Hazel Cornell, who was her Social Studies teacher in 1925, is living in the same building as the Knorrs. Miss Cornell is now 90 years old. . . . **James W. Leslie**, '70, was recently installed as Vice President of the MacMurray College Student Association at Jacksonville, Ill., where he is a senior majoring in sociology. . . . **Eleanor Metcalf Childs**, '42, (Mrs. Robert L.), has been named Secretary to the Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. . . . **Vincent B. Allison**, Director of Music at North Shore, has been appointed Director of Music at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest.





left to right: Mrs. Roger Stone, Benefit Chairman, Erica Wilson, and Mrs. George D. Smith II, President of the Woman's Board.



Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Kagan (Erica Wilson)

★ ★ ★ ★ The 4th annual Needlework Exhibit of the Woman's Board was held in October and was a huge success due to the tremendous involvement of the school family. Parents, teachers, children and friends (with a little help from the weatherman) all joined forces in a variety of endeavors.

The cocktail party on October 19 was attended by a record crowd of 300, for a festive preview of the magnificent show. Almost 500 new pieces of stitchery were on display in thirteen exciting rooms designed by Casella Interiors of Winnetka. An appearance by Erica Wilson, world famous needlewoman, added to the excitement of the evening.

Miss Wilson's lecture on Saturday brought an enthusiastic crowd to the campus, and the steady flow of visitors continued throughout the week.

*The Alumni Bulletin would like to hear from you. Please keep the office informed of any changes of address. Your mail should be directed to Mrs. William W. Talley, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka.*

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## ANNUAL BENEFIT RATES FOUR STARS

### Local Alumni - Join Us

#### VARSITY and FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tues. Nov. 20	Roycemore	here	4:00
Tues. Dec. 4	University High	here	4:00
Fri. Dec. 7	Lake Forest Academy	there	6:30
Tues. Dec. 11	Latin	here	4:00
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 18, 19 St. Michaels Tournament - there			
Tues. Jan. 8	Francis Parker	here	4:00
Thurs. Jan. 10	Harvard-St. George	here	4:00
Fri. Jan. 11	Glenwood School	there	4:00
Fri. Jan. 18	Morgan Park Academy	there	4:00
Tues. Jan. 22	St. Michaels	there	4:00
Fri. Jan. 25	University High	there	4:00
Tues. Jan. 29	Lake Forest Academy	here	4:00
Fri. Feb. 1	Latin School	there	4:00
Fri. Feb. 8	Francis Parker	there	4:00
Tues. Feb. 12	Glenwood School	here	4:00
Fri. Feb. 15	Harvard-St. George	there	4:00
Tues. Feb. 19	Morgan Park Academy	here	4:00
Fri. Feb. 22	St. Michaels	here	4:00
Thurs., Fr., Sat., Feb. 28, Mar. 1 and 2 Independent School Tournament - here			

#### GIRLS' BASKETBALL 1973-74

Dec. 4	U-High at North Shore	4:00
Dec. 6	Ferry Hall at North Shore	4:00
Dec. 11	Roycemore, Scrimmage, here	4:00
Dec. 18	North Shore at Latin	4:00
Dec. 19	North Shore at Parker	4:00
Jan. 10	North Shore at Ferry Hall	4:00
Jan. 14	Harvard at North Shore	4:00
Jan. 17	Morgan Park at North Shore	4:00
Jan. 18	North Shore at U-High	4:00
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